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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Dear Madam:

This communication responds to the final Office Action mailed on December 22, 2011, in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Applicant considers this Response as timely submitted within the three month shortened statutory reply period. However, if any extension period is required in order for this paper to be timely filed, then Applicant hereby requests an extension for such additional time period and authorizes the appropriate fees therefore to be charged to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.

It is believed that no other fee is required in filing this submission. However, if any fee is required, please charge the appropriate fee to the Kagan Binder Deposit Account No. 50-1775 and notify us of the same.